



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF STACY IN THE COUNTY OF CHISAGO
AND THE STATE OF MINNESOTA PURSUANT TO DUE
CALL AND NOTICE THEREOF**

**SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 24, 2015, 7:00p.m.
STACY CITY HALL**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Utecht at 7:00pm.

Roll Call

Present: Jim Ness, Mark Utecht, and Tony Olivolo

Absent: Samantha Denney

Others Present: Patrick Mastel, Mark Statz, Anne Thom, and Ted Alliegro

Purpose of the Special Meeting

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss:

1. Midcontinent Communications
2. City Engineer
3. Stacy Sports Grill Pay Increase
4. Hockey Arena Project

Midcontinent Communications

Mr. Patrick Mastel, Corporate Counsel for Midcontinent Communications discussed the renewal of the cable franchise agreement and internet service with the council.

Mayor Utecht said that he would like to offer an alternative to the citizen's for internet service other than Frontier; they should have a choice.

Mr. Mastel said that the law allows a city to enter into a franchise agreement for video service but does not give a city authority over internet service; with that said Midcontinent is also interested in providing internet service to the citizens. The problem may be the cost associated with widely spaced lots. Every year Midcontinent reviews areas for possible expansion.

The council asked Mr. Mastel to provide:

- What areas of the city are currently served by video
- Where can service be extended
- When can service be extended
- What is Midcontinent's expansion plan
- Information on utilizing the city access channel

The current franchise agreement is obsolete; it was decided it would be easier to start over. Mr. Mastel will send a draft of a new agreement to the city clerk.



City Engineer

Mr. Statz stated that the engineering agreement for the water treatment project is not ready; he should have it ready for the March 16th meeting.

A team from Stantec has been meeting regarding the project and it was determined that the hazardous material assessment should be done prior to bidding the improvements. If there is abatement necessary then it can either be abated prior to bid or included as part of the bidding process. Because USDA funds are being utilized bidding is required for the abatement assessment.

Once the results of the hazardous assessment are known the city will be able to determine the next course of action.

Motion by Ness to get quotes for hazardous material diagnostics for city hall. Second by Olivolo. Ness, Olivolo, and Utecht voted yes. Mayor Utecht declared the motion carried.

Stacy Sports Grill Pay Increase

Motion by Utecht to award a 1.12% increase for all employees at the On-sale that did not receive an increase to minimum wage or at implementation of the new pay scale, effective the next payroll. Second by Olivolo. Utecht, Olivolo, and Ness voted yes. Mayor Utecht declared the motion carried.

Hockey Arena Project

The sale price of the land needs to be determined; does the city want to make a counter offer to the association.

Mayor Utecht said he spoke with Member Denney who concurred with him that the offer of \$60,000 for the land would be agreeable.

Member Olivolo thought \$77,787 would be appropriate, this is .50/square foot.

Member Ness asked if the arena being there would impact the sale of the other lots in the business park; would there be concern regarding the possibility of vandalism. The city has already reduced the price from the \$1.45 for other lots in the business park to the \$1.09/square foot.

To get this project done the council concurred that a compromise would be appropriate.

Motion by Ness to offer the land for \$78,000 for the parcel to the North Branch Hockey Association. Second by Olivolo. Ness, Olivolo, and Utecht voted yes. Mayor Utecht declared the motion carried.

It was noted that any existing contract with the association will need to be voided.

Adjourn at 8:10pm

Motion by Olivolo to adjourn. Second by Ness. Olivolo, Ness, and Utecht voted yes. Mayor Utecht declared the motion carried.

Sharon MT Payne